the responsibility of the State Government. For developing tourism activities in natural surroundings, Govt. provides funds for schemes such as mountaineering, trekking, camping, water sports, cycling, aero-sports, wild-life etc. During the last three years following amount have been released to State Governments of Gujarat and Maharashtra towards the development of these activities;

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Gujarat	12.00	8.00	12.48
Maharashtra	54.91	60.34	50.15

Order to debar travel agents from operating without proper licence

2318. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Capital Territory Government of Delhi have issued a recent order which debars any travel agent from operating without obtaining a proper licence from its own department even if they are registered with the Union Ministry of Tourism;

(b) if so, what adverse effect this working is likely to have on the foreign exchange earnings and development of tourism industry; and

(c) what steps are being taken to solve this issue?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Govt. of NCT of Delhi has drawn the attention of all Tour operators/Travel Agents/Excursion Agents operating in Delhi to obtain a licence under the provisions of Delhi Motor Vehicle Act & Rules framed thereunder.

(b) and (c) Attention of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has been drawn to the Notification dated 10th August, 1993 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Surface Transport regarding Motor Vehicles (All India Permit for Tourist Transport Operators) Rules 1993 which states that Authorisation Certificates shall be issued by the concerned State Transport Authority only to the Tourist Transport Operators recognised by Department of Tourism, Government of India. The Central Ministry of Surface Transport have agreed to include Travel Agents and Tour Operators recognised by Department of Tourism in the definition of 'Tourist Transport Operators'. In view of this position, the Govt. of NCT of Delhi has been advised that licencing by them may not be necessary under Delhi Motor Vehicles Act.

Private Airlines to operate at AI Destinations

2319. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the destinations for which Air India has the traffic rights but does not fly;

(b) what are the steps taken to operate Air India flights to these destinations; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to allow the private airlines to fly to these destinations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The countries for which Air India has traffic rights but